

## WHY PAID THE BOARD OF NEW YORK LEGISLATORS

HOUSE OF MUTUAL'S LOBBYIST AT ALBANY QUITE LUXURIOUS

Members of Insurance Committee Lived in It.

IF STATESMEN PAID RENT NOBODY KNEW OF IT

New York, Oct. 18.—The district attorney's office was called today by the legislative investigation committee because of the testimony of one witness, and the question of an arrest for perjury is now being considered by Assistant District Attorney Rand. The witness in question is George J. Plunkitt, an eighteen-year-old telephone operator in the employ of the stationery firm of L. W. Lawrence & Co., from whom the Mutual Life Insurance company purchased a great deal of its supplies of this nature. It was brought out in yesterday's testimony that among the vouchers for money charged to legal expenses was one for \$500 signed by George J. Plunkitt. His identity was not disclosed until today, when Plunkitt was called to the stand, and when shown the voucher, denied that he had ever signed it. He further denied that he had ever received that amount of money from the Mutual Life, or that he had rendered the company any service.

Mr. Hughes asked Plunkitt to write his name in ink on a piece of paper, which he did. This and the voucher were then offered in evidence, and the similarity of the signatures was called to the attention of the committee. Shortly after this incident the sergeant-at-arms was sent to communicate with the district attorney's office, and soon after Mr. Rand appeared. He was escorted to a seat beside Chairman Armstrong, and for a time he critically examined the signatures. All that Mr. Rand would say was that he had been summoned by Chairman Armstrong, and that the matter was now out of the committee's hands, and "was up to the district attorney's office."

Another feature of the day's hearing was the passage at arms between Chairman Armstrong, Counsel Hughes and James M. Beck, counsel for President R. A. McCurdy. Mr. Beck accused Mr. Hughes of misleading the public by not following out his lines of investigation to the end, and that he had dropped a subject before the witness was allowed to explain.

**Evasion's Just Reward.**  
Chairman Armstrong said that the work of the committee must not be obstructed. The committee, he said, wanted all the information it could get that would be helpful, and the witness had placed himself in the position he found himself by his continual evasive answers. Mr. Armstrong said further that every witness will be treated with all possible courtesy. Mr. Hughes then said if he had evaded, it was by showing courtesies when the circumstances justified an entirely different course, adding that evasion would be held up to the contempt if it had always received. There was a spontaneous burst of applause when Mr. Hughes had concluded, which was stopped only by a threat to clear the room.

**That Residence at Albany.**  
William A. Gardner, clerk in the supply department of the Mutual Life Insurance company, made an excellent witness for the committee by his frank manner and apparent desire to give whatever information he could on the matter before the committee. Mr. Carpenter was under the direction of A. C. Fields, superintendent of this department, and was very close to Mr. Fields in his legislative supervision at Albany. Mr. Carpenter told of how a house has been maintained in Albany for several years at the expense of the Mutual Life. Mr. Fields occupied it only during the legislative session, and his quarters were the quarters of the insurance committee of the legislature, lived in the house with Mr. Fields. Mr. Carpenter leased the house and paid for the servants and supplies with money furnished by the Mutual Life. He did not know whether these members of the insurance committee ever shared in the expense. He never received any money from the Mutual Life, but he maintained for a period of about ten years in Albany under these conditions, but not always in the same street.

**McCurdy Didn't Know It.**  
Later in the day, when Mr. McCurdy was recalled, he said he did not know that the Mutual Life's funds had been maintaining this house, although he did know that Mr. Fields had rented a house to escape the risk of illness in hotels. He was assured that Mr. Fields paid a \$500 rent. Mr. Carpenter said the entire expense of running the house was about \$2,500.

**Father Jordan Has Vanished.**  
An attempt was made by Mr. Hughes today to get some testimony from Thomas D. Jordan, former controller of the Equitable Life Assurance society. Frank B. Jordan was called under a subpoena, and he said he saw his father last Labor day. He did not know then that he was going away, and did not know where he was now. Under persistent questioning by Mr. Hughes, young Jordan said no mail was forwarded to his father and that he did not know whether his father or his mother were living or dead.

Edward W. Rogers, a clerk for L. W. Lawrence & Co., was called and was represented by John B. Stetson. Rogers is also president of the Globe Printing company. He was shown the Plunkitt voucher, and said he was of the opinion that the signature on the voucher and that written by Plunkitt on the stand were identical. He could not recognize either of them definitely as the signature of



RICHARD A. MCCURDY

Plunkitt. A voucher drawn in December, 1902, for \$1,667.50 and signed by Rogers, was charged to legal services of the Mutual Life, but Rogers could not remember the circumstances of a transaction so far back. He acknowledged that it bore his signature, and that he must have received the money, but for what it was disbursed he could not remember. The checks for which both Plunkitt's and Rogers' vouchers were signed, were ordered to be produced and they will be presented at a later session of the committee.

Toward the close of the day's session, Mr. McCurdy was being questioned on the trust companies with which the Mutual is connected, and the subsidiary companies of the Mutual Life, and was still on the stand when adjournment was taken.

### OKLAHOMA SWEEP BY PIERCE STORM

WHOLE OF CENTRAL DISTRICT VISITED BY WIND AND FLOOD.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 18.—Heavy windstorms occurred throughout eastern Oklahoma Tuesday night. The worst was at Manford, I. T., where two children were killed and nine persons injured, two probably fatally. At Meridian a house was demolished, but no one was hurt. Near Cushing farm buildings were damaged, but no persons have been reported injured.

**The Dead.**  
Bartlesville, I. T., Oct. 18.—A tornado at Collinsville, I. T., early today wrecked thirty houses. One child was killed and twelve persons injured.

**Four Killed Near St. Louis.**  
St. Louis, Oct. 18.—A tornado struck the village of Sorento, Ill., 32 miles northeast of St. Louis last night, killing four persons, and injuring thirty-five, of whom three will probably die. A great amount of damage. Forty houses were blown to atoms, and carried far from their foundations. Everything in the path of the tornado was swept away.

**MRS. THOMAS FILE.**  
**MRS. WILLIAM STEWART.**  
**WILLIAM MANN.**  
**HARRISON MANN.**

**Alton Deluged.**  
St. Louis, Oct. 18.—The storm that partially wrecked Sorento deluged Alton, Ill., where there was a cloudburst. St. Louis also suffered from a terrific cloudburst. Grain, fruit trees, miles distant, was deluged, and the main street was three feet under water. Ten miles north of Alton, a Chicago, Peoria, and St. Louis train met a washout and plunged into the ditch. The cars contained horses and cattle, many of which were drowned. The train crew escaped by swimming. It is believed several trains were drowned.

### SAYS MI-S ROOSEVELT HAD TO TAKE THEM

SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY DUTY ON GIFTS OF THE ORIENTALS.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Secretary Shaw said yesterday that an offer will be made to the president to seek authority from congress to refund to Miss Alice Roosevelt whatever money may be collected from her in the way of duties when she returns. This course is promoted by what he considers the injustice of the law in her special case. He pointed out that the presents were not only not solicited, but that she had no desire to receive them. She was compelled to do so, however, or else give offense to those who offered them and thus make enemies for her country.

**Murphy Mnd for McGovern.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 18.—Tommy Murphy, of New York, was badly beaten by Terry McGovern tonight at the National Athletic club. It took McGovern only two minutes and two seconds to gain the victory. Murphy was so helpless before the blows of the former champion that the referee stepped in and saved Murphy from probable serious injury. The defeated man was game to the end. McGovern showed his old time form, fighting hard and fast from the sound of the zone.

The announcement was made that McGovern and Corbett had agreed to meet in a six-round bout at the club in a short time.

### NAVAL BATTLE OFF COAST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Schooner Juanita Captured by Mexican Revenue Cutter

CAUGHT RED HANDED IN LANDING SMUGGLED CARGO

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 18.—Reports from Ensenada are to the effect that the capture of the local schooner Juanita by Mexican customs officers was the occasion of quite a naval battle. The approach of the customs boat was noted by the Juanita's men while she was still some rods away, and they, after shouting to the officers to keep away, fired a volley from their rifles.

The revenue men replied with a volley of their own and they shot back directly into the schooner, following with a second volley. No one was hit. The situation of the captured men is regarded as serious as there have been previous charges against one of them in Mexico.

Just prior to this short and sharp engagement the schooner, Elsie, also of this city, was seized by the Mexican authorities, and they shot back directly into the schooner, following with a second volley. No one was hit. The situation of the captured men is regarded as serious as there have been previous charges against one of them in Mexico.

According to a dispatch from Ensenada, the Mexican customs officers have been maintaining a close watch of late of the protected fisheries off the coast of Lower California. There has been strong suspicion on their part that American vessels have engaged in poaching, and they have kept a keen eye out for offenders.

In their cruise with a revenue cutter the Mexican authorities discovered the Elsie, which is commanded by Captain Jesus Romero, anchored off the beach just south of Santo Thomas. It surrendered without question, and was taken to Ensenada, where an inspection satisfied the officers that it had not been engaged in fishing, whereupon it was released.

On the way to Ensenada the officers sighted the Juanita. Captain Osterhaus.

Instead of going for the Juanita at that time, the customs officials decided to wait until dark, when they returned and surprised the crew of the Juanita, which was anchored off Todos Santos Island.

### YELLOW FEVER NO LONGER INTERESTING

PEOPLE OF NEW ORLEANS CEASE TO THINK OF THE SCOURGE.

New Orleans, Oct. 18.—The fever report to 6 p. m.:  
New cases, 5.  
Total, 3,340.  
Deaths, none.  
Total, 455.  
New cures, 2.  
Cases under treatment, 114.  
Cases discharged, 2,721.  
The yellow fever is rapidly ceasing to be an issue of interest now. With only five new cases and no deaths, it looks like a question of a few days when no cases will be found, and when that day arrives there will be genuine thanksgiving in the community.

### REPUBLICANS HOLD HARMONIOUS MEETING

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION RENOMINATES ALL STATE OFFICERS BY ACCLAMATION.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 18.—A short harmonious state convention was held by the republicans here today, and all the present state officers were renominated by acclamation. Governor George H. Utter, of Westerly, heading the ticket.  
The platform adopted reaffirms the endorsement of the Chicago platform of 1904.

## ANDREWS OWES \$400,000 COMPROLLER CLOSES BANK CASHIER SHOOT HIMSELF

PITTSBURG, PA., OCTOBER 18.—AFTER AN INVESTIGATION OF THE BOOKS OF THE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL BANK, ON BEAVER AVENUE, ALLEGHANY, WHICH DISCLOSED THAT THE BANK WAS INSOLVENT, T. LEE CLARK, CASHIER OF THE INSTITUTION FOR YEARS, WENT TO HIS HOME, 545 LINCOLN AVENUE, BELLEVUE, LAST MIDNIGHT, SPENT A SLEEPLESS, NERVOUS NIGHT, AND SHOT HIMSELF THROUGH THE HEAD THIS MORNING.

HE LIVED UNTIL 2:20 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN DEATH CAME.

AN HOUR BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEATH WAS RECEIVED AT THE BANK, A TELEGRAM CAME FROM THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY AT WASHINGTON, CLOSING ITS DOORS, AND APPOINTING BANK EXAMINER JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM AS RECEIVER.

FOLLOWING CLOSELY UPON THE EXCITING EVENTS IN LOWER ALLEGHANY, CAME THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK, FRED GWYNNE, THAT CLARK HAD LOANED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PENNSYLVANIA POLITICIANS, THAT HE HIMSELF HAD ENDORSED A NOTE FOR \$50,000 YESTERDAY FOR CLARK, CONCLUDING WITH THE STATEMENT, "THAT IF THE SHORTAGE WAS ONLY \$100,000, HE WOULD GLADLY PAY IT HIMSELF."

THE BANK HAS STATE DEPOSITS WHICH WILL AMOUNT TO \$800,000, OF WHICH \$195,000 IS IN THE CHECKING OR ACTIVE ACCOUNT AND THE REST IS IN THE SINKING FUND.

MR. GWYNNE, IN HIS STATEMENT, SAID:

"NEARLY \$700,000 OF THE \$800,000 OF STATE DEPOSITS OF OUR BANK IS OUT ON PAPER OF STATE POLITICIANS. W. H. ANDREWS HAS BORROWED NEARLY \$400,000; FRANK J. TORRANCE HAS BORROWED CONSIDERABLE; I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH. BUT THE BANK IS SOLVENT."

## CONGRESS WILL BEG US TO COME IN PRIVATE CAR LINES ON CARPET

Wait a Little While Says Member of Tawney Party and Government Will Be Imporing Arizona to Kindly Accept Single Statehood.

Adams, Ariz., Oct. 18.—The congressional party had a strenuous day today. The great pettiford forest day were inspected this morning and later the party visited Flagstaff, Winslow and Holbrook. At Flagstaff Congressman Tawney addressed the normal school and assured the pupils that he did not believe in unwilling unions and thought when the party returned and voted this fall it would be satisfied to have Arizona as a single state and in a few years would ask them to come in, they would not have to beg. The government of the United States was fast being strangled from the narrow minded politicians of the east, he said, and becoming centralized in the Mississippi valley, which assured fair treatment for these two territories. He urged Arizona to cease statehood agitation and thus defeat, jointly, to continue her developments and she would soon become a state.

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At Holbrook Congressman Minor said Arizona and New Mexico, each was rich enough to become a single state and in a few years would ask them to come in, they would not have to beg. The government of the United States was fast being strangled from the narrow minded politicians of the east, he said, and becoming centralized in the Mississippi valley, which assured fair treatment for these two territories. He urged Arizona to cease statehood agitation and thus defeat, jointly, to continue her developments and she would soon become a state.

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## NORTHWEST FAST IN THE GRIP OF A MIDWINTER STORM

Freezing Reported From All Parts of Oregon.

UTAH AND MONTANA ARE WHITE WITH FIRST SNOW

Portland, Ore., Oct. 18.—The United States weather bureau reports unusually cold weather throughout the northwest, in some places the temperature being twenty degrees below zero, while freezing is reported from nearly every point. Snow is falling in several localities. The weather in this city today is the coldest in twenty-four years at this season, the mercury indicating 22 degrees.

**Close to Zero in Montana.**  
Helena, Mont., Oct. 18.—An unusually cold spell accompanied in the mountain region by snow, prevails in central Montana. The government weather bureau thermometer recorded 8 degrees above zero at 6 a. m. while at Marysville, eighteen miles distant, 2 degrees above was reported.

**Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 18.**  
Snow fell here this morning, the precipitation being a tenth of an inch. The mountains above the valley are white with snow.

## BARBER DECLARES ASPHALT TRUST BACKED REVOLT

Money Furnished to Finance the Matos Insurrection.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Amel L. Barber, one time president of the National Asphalt Co., testified today in the case of the United States of Venezuela against the New York-Bermudez Asphalt Co. that to the best of his knowledge and belief the company did contribute materially to the revolution organized in 1901 by General Manuel A. Matos, against the Venezuelan government.

The hearings in the case, which have been proceeding in New York, were transferred today to Washington to take the testimony of Mr. Barber. The testimony practically confirms that of General Francis V. Greene in yesterday's hearing in New York.

After affirming the statement he had made in affidavits previously made, he reiterated General Greene from all connection with the payment of money in aid of the Matos revolutionary movement.

Mr. Barber testified that certain officers of the National Asphalt Co. of the new Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. and of the New York-Bermudez Asphalt Co. furnished money to purchase arms and equip the steamship "Barrington" and further furnished money to Matos or to his associates with which to purchase a large quantity of arms and ammunition, which were conveyed by the steamer Barrington to the adherents of Matos.

**Reform in Labor Bureau.**  
New York, Oct. 18.—For the purpose of showing that most of the abuses which have existed in the employment agencies of the city of New York have been abolished, Frederick L. C. Keating, commissioner of license, has submitted a report to Mayor McClellan covering the operations of his office since its establishment, a year ago. He says:

"The immorality and vice which were fostered and allowed to flourish in a certain type of agencies have been driven out. Extortion, once a crime of common prevalence, is no longer practiced, or, if so, its practice is accompanied with such risk to the employer that it has ceased to be a paying business, and deception, which has always been to some extent a part of the working system of the majority of the employment agencies everywhere, has been dealt with in such rigid fashion that it is now rarely heard of. But these reforms were accomplished only after strict enforcement of the law and can be maintained only by continued rigid supervision."

## FRANCIS CONVICTED OF TREMENDOUS STEAL

EVERY COUNT SUSTAINED AGAINST HEAD OF FRAUDULENT COTTON CONCERN.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 18.—Stanley Francis, who has been on trial in the United States district court since October 9, charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with the defunct Storey Cotton Co., which was today found guilty on every count in the indictment. Francis, who was known under several aliases, was charged by the government with being a principal in the Storey Cotton Co., which was closed by the postal authorities owed nearly \$2,000,000 to customers throughout the country.

## ROOSEVELT HONORED BY RICHMOND

Generous Welcome From People of Southern City.

AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING OF JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTH

President Tells of a Reunited People and Urges the Mighty Mission of the Union in Future.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 18.—Richmond today threw open her gates to President Roosevelt and during the seven hours of his stay the state and city officials and citizens accorded him a welcome hearty and sincere. The presidential train arrived a few minutes after noon and from that moment until 7 o'clock tonight, when he departed for Raleigh, N. C., over the Seaboard Air Line, he was given an ovation. His entry into the city was the signal for a wild demonstration from the multitude and the welcoming enthusiasm only ceased when his train continued on its journey through the south.

Mrs. Roosevelt shared in the honors and Mrs. Montague, the wife of the governor, gave a reception at the executive mansion in her honor.

**Made Three Addresses.**

The president made several addresses, one at Capitol Square, before one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Virginia's capital, another at a banquet in Masonic temple, where 400 of the representative people of the Old Dominion were gathered about the boards, and again at the Lee monument, where he spoke to a large number of Confederate veterans, and once more at a gathering of negroes.

His speeches paid a tribute to the Confederate veterans, voiced appreciation of the economic and political progress of the south since the civil war, pointed to his ancestry in which southern and northern blood are mingled, and to his birth in the east and his life in the west, declaring he believed himself a middling good American, he spoke of the preponderance of southern blood in his regiment in Cuba; referred to his aid through advice, that this government give the peoples in the islands of the Caribbean, reiterated the principle of equal justice to all and, in his talk to the negroes, congratulated them on their progress as a race.

The president said: I need not say how great is my pleasure in speaking in this historic capital of your historic state, the state than which no other has contributed a larger proportion of the leadership of the nation; for on the honor roll of those Americans whose greatness is not only for the age but for all time, not only for one nation but for all the world, on this honor roll, Virginia's name stands alone all others. And a greeting of all you, I know that no one will grudge my saying a special word of acknowledgement to the veterans of the civil war. A man would indeed be a poor American who could without a thrill witness the way in which, city after city in the north as in the south, on every public occasion, the men who wore the blue and the men who wore the gray come march and stand shoulder to shoulder, giving tangible proof that we are now a fact as well as in name a reunited people.

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